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HEADQUARTERS NEWS RELEASE**May 20, 2013****Camp Minden Update: All Explosives Now Properly Stored & Explo Licenses Revoked**

After six months of continuous work by the Louisiana State Police Emergency Services Unit, and the Explo employees working under their immediate supervision, the public safety hazard has been mitigated and Louisiana State Police has revoked the explosive licenses of Explo Systems, Inc.

Following the November 26, 2012, discovery of over one million pounds of M6 propellant by LSP Emergency Services Technicians during a follow-up inspection from an October 15, 2012 explosion, Explo Systems, Inc. personnel, under the direct supervision of LSP, have successfully transferred over ten (10) million pounds of improperly stored explosive M6 propellant to the appropriate storage magazines. Additionally, approximately 100,000 pounds of flammable solid material and 130,000 pounds of Tritonal have been relocated to proper storage locations. Given the fact that all improperly stored explosive materials have been secured, Louisiana State Police has mitigated the public safety hazard that previously existed.

Furthermore, Louisiana State Police authorities verbally notified Explo Systems, Inc. that their explosive licenses have been hereby revoked effective 1200 hours (noon) on Monday, May 20, 2013, and will remain revoked pending the adjudication of all civil and/or criminal violations. As a result of those revocations, Explo Systems, Inc. has surrendered all keys to the 97 magazines to the Louisiana Army National Guard's Camp Minden Installation Commander, Colonel Ronnie Stuckey.

"Our Emergency Services Unit technicians have performed admirably and exhibited the utmost professionalism as they worked to secure a hazardous situation that threatened the nearby Doyline area," stated Louisiana State Police Superintendent Colonel Mike Edmonson. "Our primary concern is always that of public safety. That hazard has been alleviated and now we can focus on those criminal violations which have threatened so many innocent people."

Louisiana State Police technicians and investigators continue their investigation and will release a final report to the Webster Parish District Attorney's Office upon completion.

In addition to the LSP Emergency Services Unit's responsibilities, LSP – Troop G, Bureau of Investigations and Air Support Unit contributed to this massive undertaking. Louisiana State Police also understands the importance of strong partnerships during times of emergency and appreciates the support and cooperation of the Louisiana Army National Guard, Webster Parish Sheriff's Office, FBI's bomb techs, EPA Enforcement Division, Doyline Police Department, all local officials/administrators/authorities, Office of State Parks, Office of Emergency Preparedness, local legislators, media, area businesses who have assisted residents, and most of all, the patience and cooperation the affected residents have entrusted to LSP personnel.

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